

Petersburg National Battlefield

Bioblitz Photography Competition

Contest Theme: The Petersburg National Battlefield is organizing a natural landscape photography competition. While the park has the duty to tell the story of the Civil War, the park is also a biodiverse landscape that encompasses open green fields, flowing creeks, forested trails, and a wide range of flora and fauna.

Who May Enter: Amateur and professional photographers, except for employees of the National Park Service.

What to Enter: Submissions will be accepted 4/1/17 to 5/1/17. Photographs may be submitted in both physical and digital formats. Please send them electronically to PETE_Photo_Contest@nps.gov, subject: Bioblitz Photo Contest Submission. Physical submissions should be dropped off at the Petersburg National Battlefield Park Eastern Front Visitor's Center. Please submit no more than two images for consideration per category. Categories include: **Mammals and Birds, Reptiles and Amphibians, Plants and Fungi, and Landscapes**. If major battlefield features such as earthworks, headquarters sites, and cannons are included in the photo, they should serve as a backdrop to the natural scenery, rather than the focal point of the image.

Contest Rules:

- The contest is open to all except employees of Petersburg National Battlefield.
- Photos must be taken within the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield. Photos taken at the following park units are eligible for the competition: **the Eastern Front, Western Front, Five Forks, and City Point**.
- The physical submission of the photo should be a minimum of 8 x 10 in and a maximum of 13x19 in.
- Physical submission should be attached to some type of backing (i.e. cardboard, form board, mat board).
- Digital submission file size may be max 2 MB in JPG format.
- The Entry and Photo Release Form should be turned in with either the digital or physical submission: <https://www.nps.gov/pete/planyourvisit/outdooractivities.htm>
- Please do not place your name or a watermark anywhere on the image.
- Photos must be the original, unaltered work of the entrant. Only minor digital enhancements are allowed including cropping, red-eye removal, filters and corrective functions.
- The photograph must not, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the park service contain obscene, provocative, defamatory, sexually explicit, or inappropriate content.

Judging: Digital submissions will be uploaded to the park Facebook page where the public can vote for their favorite picture by liking it. Physical submissions will be showcased at Tramonto Ristorante May 2017, Petersburg, VA, Friday for the Arts where people can vote throughout the weekend for their favorite photo. In addition to choosing winners for the picture categories, winners will be selected for Youth Photo (13-18 yrs.) and Park Choice. Please do not contact us about the status of entries or judging.

For additional contest information or updates please see the Petersburg National Battlefield Park website or Facebook account.

